

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A translation apparatus comprising:

5 a punctuation symbol detection unit detecting whether a predetermined punctuation symbol exists or not in text information of a first language; and

a translation unit translating the text information of the first language into text information of a second language which is different from the first language, when the punctuation symbol is  
10 detected by said punctuation symbol detection unit.

2. The translation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a reception unit receiving the text information of the first language.

15 3. The translation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transmission unit transmitting the translated text information of the second language.

20 4. The translation apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a reception unit receiving the text information of the second language transmitted from said transmission unit.

5. The translation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

25 a voice recognition unit converting voice information of the first language into the text information of the first language.

6. The translation apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said voice recognition unit converts explicit

punctuation in the voice information of the first language into implicit punctuation symbols in the text information of the first language.

7. The translation apparatus according to claim 5,  
5 wherein said voice recognition unit converts implicit punctuation in the voice information of the first language into explicit punctuation symbols in the text information of the first language.

8. The translation apparatus according to claim 5, further  
10 comprising:

a reception unit receiving the voice information of the first language.

9. The translation apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

15 a voice input unit inputting the voice information of the first language.

10. The translation apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

a transmission unit transmitting the voice information of  
20 the first language which is inputted at said voice input unit; and

a reception unit receiving the text information of the first language which is transmitted at said transmission unit.

11. The translation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

25 a voice synthesis unit converting the text information of the second language into voice information.

12. The translation apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a transmission unit transmitting the voice information of the second language which is converted at said voice synthesis unit; and

5 a reception unit receiving the voice information of the second language which is transmitted at said transmission unit.